

sense, and all such modifications are intended to be included within the scope of present invention. The benefits, advantages, solutions to problems, and any element(s) that may cause any benefit, advantage, or solution to occur or become more pronounced are not to be construed as a critical, required, or essential features or elements of any or all the claims. The invention is defined solely by the appended claims including any amendments made during the pendency of this application and all equivalents of those claims.

We claim:

1. A method for entering a character into an electronic device, the method including:

displaying a first set of input character keys on a touch sensitive region of a display screen of the device, each key in the first set of input character keys identifying an associated character;

showing at least one entered character in a display region of the screen, the entered character being selected by actuation of one of the character keys;

predicting a group of potential subsequent characters that follow the entered character;

displaying a second set of input character keys identifying the potential subsequent characters;

entering in the display region one of the potential subsequent characters adjacent the entered character, the entering being in response to actuation of one of the second set of keys;

wherein the second set of input character keys are grouped together such that their relative screen locations with respect to each other are different to that of corresponding keys in the first set of input character keys.

2. A method for entering a character into an electronic device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the second set of input character keys are enlarged compared with the first set of input character keys.

3. A method for entering a character into an electronic device as claimed in claim 1 further comprising superimposing the second set of input character keys over the first set of input character keys.

4. A method for entering a character into an electronic device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the predicting includes determining an order identifying which of the potential subsequent characters are most likely to follow the entered character.

5. A method for entering a character into an electronic device as claimed in claim 4, wherein the second set of input character keys are displayed in a manner associated with the order.

6. A method for entering a character into an electronic device as claimed in claim 5, wherein displaying the second set of input character keys is further characterised by locating the key for the character determined as most likely to follow the entered character in substantially the same location as the input character key for the entered character.

7. A method for entering a character into an electronic device as claimed in claim 5, wherein the second set of input character keys is highlighted according to their predicted likelihood.

8. A method for entering a character into an electronic device as claimed in claim 5, wherein the second set of input

character keys is located such that their proximity to the centre of the grouping is determined according to their predicted likelihood.

9. A method for entering a character into an electronic device as claimed in claim 4, further comprising entering in a second touch sensitive region of the display screen a group of words each corresponding to one of the predicted subsequent characters, and wherein the words are displayed in a manner associated with the order identifying which of their respective potential subsequent characters are most likely to follow the entered character.

10. A method for entering a character into an electronic device, the method including:

displaying input character keys on a touch sensitive region of a display screen of the device, the keys identifying an associated character;

showing at least one entered character in a display region of the screen, the entered character being selected by actuation of one of the character keys;

predicting a group of potential subsequent characters that follow the entered character;

displaying a set of enlarged keys identifying the potential subsequent characters; and

entering in the display region one of the potential subsequent characters adjacent the entered character, the entering being in response to actuation of one of the enlarged keys.

11. An electronic device comprising:

a display having touch sensitive region for displaying a first set of input character keys identifying an associated character, and a display region;

a processor configured to receive an entered character being selected by actuation of one of the first set of input character keys, and further configured as a predictive character editor which is arranged to predict a group of potential subsequent characters that follow the entered character;

the display screen further configured to show at least one entered character in the display region and a second set of input character keys in the touch sensitive region, the keys identifying the potential subsequent characters;

the second set of input character keys being grouped together such that their relative screen locations with respect to each other are different to that of corresponding keys in the first set of input character keys.

12. A device as claimed in claim 11, wherein the second set of input character keys are enlarged compared with the first set of keys.

13. A device as claimed in claim 11 wherein the display is further configured to superimpose the second set of input character keys over the first set of input character keys.

14. A device as claimed in claim 11, wherein the predictive character editor is configured to determine an order identifying which of the potential subsequent characters are most likely to follow the entered character.

15. A device as claimed in claim 14, wherein the display is configured to display the second set of input character keys in a manner associated with the order.

16. A device as claimed in claim 15, wherein the display is further configured to locate the second character key for